

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraphs 0056 and 0067 as follows:

[0056] According to the invention, as seen in FIGS. 1 and 3, the mechanism for tightening the inner envelope 13 has at least one rear keeper 60 that is affixed to the outer envelope 12, the rear keeper 60 affixed to the outer envelope 12 being located substantially toward the heel 4, or in the area of the heel 4, such as above the heel of the walking sole, of the boot 1. As shown in the drawings, the rear keeper is affixed to an inner surface of the outer envelope 12.

[0067] According to the invention, at least one rear keeper 104 affixed to the outer envelope 90 has also been provided for the tightening mechanism for the inner envelope constituted by the liner 91. Here again, each rear keeper 104 is located substantially toward the heel 83, or in the area of the heel 83, such as above the heel of the walking sole, of the boot 80. As shown in the drawings, the rear keeper 104 is affixed to an inner surface of the outer envelope 90.